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**AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment A and Response, for the above-referenced patent application, is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2003. Entry of the amendments proposed herein and consideration of the associated comments are respectfully requested.

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